

I want to thank you for the opportunity to comment on this issue. I believe that protecting a copyright is important, but not as important as protecting privacy and freedom.

We as the American people are being made to surrender our privacy and freedom through attrition. The is not the governments fault, it is the consumers. We have been duped by commercials, TV, bulk-mail, phone solicitors and supermarket savings cards. The minuscule savings or ;\$that;|s not all;" bribes have made us into marketable patsies. We believed that filling out surveys and giving forth our personal information was being used to make a better company to server people better. What it has created is industries that have learned what we will accept though we really don;t want it. What we give up permits us to enjoy Dolby digital surround,,· sound now. Personally, I am mortified by the fact that every other consumer and myself continually having to surrender their freedom and privacy to protect some conglomerates purse. I believe that these conglomerates could benefit their cause better if they worked on protecting their property through research and education verse restricting my freedom. Hollywood has been very opportunistic to exploit technology for their benefit, and the first to restrict its use for the general public. I think some serious research and notification to the general public should be made. I have not seen one bit of information on television in reference to proceeding 02-231. This might be due to the fact that its biggest proponents are the media moguls. I believe my right to record a show and watch it later is my right. If they want to have a say in what I can do in my home and what I and permitted to watch. Then I believe there should be laws against how many car, cell phone, and prescription drug commercials can be broadcast every hour. We should also make it illegal for any company to use a person;|s social security number to index records.

I think if we are going to start protecting the corporations, I think we should start protecting the consumers too. Let;|s level the playing field for the individuals as well as the corporations. Let;|s call it a quid pro quo of media conglomerates and the consumers. If they could come up with a solution to protect my right to copy my own material, while protecting my privacy, then I would listen.